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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1861.

PRICE THREEPENCE.

BIRTHS.
On the 7th instant, at Molony, Gwydir, the wife of Ernest W. Redford, Esq., 18th instant, at her residence, Marlborough-street, Barry Hills, Mrs. T. S. McLean, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

On the 11th September, at Etieldon House, by the Rev. Robert Hodge, A.M., minister of St. John's Church, Bathurst, Mrs. J. C. Dibbs, of Etieldon, to Emily, daughter of Geo. Larcham, Esq., Etieldon House, Calala.

DEATHS.

On the 3rd instant, at the residence of his aunt, at Coolee, near Gundal, William, the only and beloved son of W. Bass, of the Royal Mail, 10, Pitt-street, London, in the 3rd year of his age, after an illness of six weeks.

For freight or passage apply to Captain, on board; or W. BROWN and SON, Market Wharf.

SHIP ADVERTISEMENTS.

OTAGO GOLD-FIELDS.—STEAM TO OAGO.—**FOR OAGO** direct.—The Intercosol Royal Mail Company's Steamship LORD ASHLEY, E. WHEELER, commander, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 23rd September.

The steamer (proceeding to Oago direct) offers a very favourable opportunity to shippers and passengers. Return tickets issued at reduced rates, entitling the holder to remain a month in New Zealand.

For further particulars apply at the Company's office, Wharf Wharf.

SAMUEL CLARK, Manager.

LET, suitable for Office, &c., and Residences in terms mode- for address,

med brick-built or of land, &c., Apply to the

re rooms, 199, course. Double

bed Apartments, separate rooms, 199, Clarence-street, near

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with firewood, r. good prospect, THORNTON & R. SNACHAL,

BOARDER, in services required; am good wharf;

Board and Bed, 99, Castlereagh-street, making the harbours, Prentiss-terrace

use may BOARD 69, Gloucester-street, opposite Market water laid on and

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LOOM, furnished, 199, monsieur-street,

outh, three-story George-st South

kitchens; rent very

GE, Wavell-st, 253, Castle

containing four DICKINSON, and balcony, is ROBERTS, No.

omed COTTAGE CKWOOD, 328,

floor—Pitt-street, —with bedrooms

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Apply to Mr. Wynyard-street, road and Geyr CO., Wynyard-

I COFFAGE, in house, two-stall Pitt-street; South; on, St. Peter's STORE, &c., with ordinary Apply at J.

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t-rate opportunity with every com- munity, which has extensive trade, which the Southern coast; the neighbour- hood, Yarrawa, established on applied- mill.

A FAMILY or home—With a boat, for a few months, require to be taken apply to Mr. commission agent.

HERALD—

shilling, shilling, a additional line for

will be charged each insertion, until payment by

Tenant and lessor of Pitt and Hause.

SALES—

Department of Public Works,
Sydney, 17th September, 1861.
TENDERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND SUPPLIES.
TENDERS are invited for the following public works and supplies. For full particulars see Government Gazette, a copy of which is kept at every police office in the colony.

No tender will be taken into consideration, unless the name of the work for which it is intended be written on the cover.

Date to which
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Nature of Works and Supplies.		Date to which Tenders can be received at this Office.
Construction of Main Road through Albany		12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, 24th September.
Erection of Court and Watch-house, Araluen		
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Construction of a Steam Dredge for the Shoalhaven River		
Erection of Additions, Wellington Gaol		
Supply of Timber for Fitz Roy Dry Dock Works		
Supply of Ironbank Timber for Fitz Roy Dry Dock Works		
Erection of Court and Watch House, Fairfield	12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, 1st October.	
Repair, &c., Telegraph Station, Gundagai	12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, 8th October.	
Erection of Additions, Berrima Gaol		

W. M. ARNOLD.

Department of Public Works,
Sydney, 27th August, 1861.
THE following tenders were received for the different services of the GOVERNMENT GAZETTE of the 13th instant should be sold at that time, and DUES to be taken at the undermentioned Tullibar, will be sold on the days mentioned, by public auction, at the following Police Offices, by the Clerks of Petty Sessions in accordance with the terms of advertisement of August 17th, 1861.—

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CONVEYANCE OF MAIL.—Conveyances being required for the Post Office, Mail and from and to the undermentioned places, for one month, and those from the 1st October, 1861, persons disposed to contract for providing the same, are invited to transmit their offers in writing to the General Post Office, before 12 o'clock on Wednesday, the 23rd instant, endorsed "Tender for Conveyance of Mail".

SURCRAN.

And from the General Post Office, Sydney, and Botany, daily (Sundays excepted).

The conditions will be the same as those published in the notice of the 26th September last, and tenders will not be considered unless in accordance therewith.

E. C. WEEKES.

Surveyor-General's Office,
Sydney, 9th September, 1861.
ALTHOGRAPH of the County of Bligh having been published by the Government, the public are invited to purchase copies may be had at the Surveyor-General's Office, and at the Land Offices, at Casino and Wellington, at 7s. each for copies, and 3s. 6d. for separate half-sheets of the County.

(Signed) A. G. MCLEAN, Deputy Surveyor-General.

VICTORIAN RAILWAY DEBENTURES.—PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE IN THE COLONY.—Sealed Tenders will be received at this office or any part of the undermentioned Victorian Railway Debentures, viz.— £15,000 in £100 cash dated 1st October, 1858 £32,500 ditto £50 ditto 1st October, 1860 £10,000 ditto £10 ditto 1st October, 1860 £23,750 ditto £10 ditto 1st October, 1861.

A deposit of five per cent. on the amount of each tender, in cash, bank draft, or marked cheque, must be enclosed with the tender.

Tenders must state the amount, or per cent. offered.

The tenders will be as follows, "Tenders for Victorian Railway Debentures".

Tenders will be opened in the presence of the tenders on the 1st of October, at noon in the Board Room of the Bank of Australia, 10 St. George's Street, Melbourne.

The debentures will be paid in the principal amounts due within fourteen (14) days from the date on which the tenders are opened, and are redeemable in twenty-five (25) years from their respective dates.

The debentures bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent. on the amount of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, which will be payable in Melbourne on the 1st of April and 1st of October in each year.

The Government will not necessarily accept any tender.

The decision of the Government will be made known on the day following that on which the tenders are opened.

JOHN VERRON, Treasurer, Melbourne, 20th August, 1861.

AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY.

ASSURANCE BRANCH.

Extracts from Tables and Specimens of Bonus Additions. TABLE A.—PREMIUMS payable annually throughout life for £100 to be paid at death.

TABLE B.—PREMIUMS payable for a limited number of years for £100 to be paid at death.

BONUS added to each £100 at age 40.

Office. After Five Years. After Seven Years. After Ten Years.

£5 4s. £6 2s. £6 4s. £6 5s. £6 6s. £6 7s. £6 8s. £6 9s. £6 10s. £6 11s. £6 12s.

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THE DISTRICT COURTS.

Mr. WINDEYER wished to ask the Colonial Secretary a question, of which he had given notes for Friday last.—"Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present session of Parliament, any measure, or to make any alteration in the Constitution?—2. Do the Government intend to provide improved accommodation for the District Court in Sydney?"

Mr. COWPER.—The Attorney-General is in correspondence with the Judges of the District Courts upon the subject, and when he has received the report whether any bill can be introduced this session for the purpose of dealing with the question. The chief of the proposed amendments suggested are, I believe, that the jurisdiction be extended to suit and in accordance with the circumstances of the case. I may state that the Government do not intend to provide.

Mr. PIDDINGTON said that the American system had very little to do with the question before the House, and that the objection to that appointment was on altogether different grounds. He did not think that, from the nature of the duties of the office, it was one that ought to be made a political appointment. Nor had he heard anything in justification of making the appointment. He believed that the Government would in either House have to strengthen its position by one or two votes, and that the Government was put at a disadvantage in the consideration of a ministerial list of offices. These gentlemen could perform many of those little services for the Government which they might reasonably rely upon supporters to do.

Mr. PIDDINGTON said that the American system had very little to do with the question before the House, and that the present accommodation is unquestionably insufficient. Some time ago it was determined to appropriate several rooms in the Immigration Barracks for use as a temporary Sydney District Court, but arrangements were put at a standstill by the dissolution of the Parliament to receive immigration. I have requested the co-operation of my hon. friend the Secretary for Works, by asking him to direct the Colonial Architect to make a plan for the new District Court, and to provide in which adequately accommodated will be given to the important department of the District Court, where now a large amount of business is transacted. Provision will accordingly be made in the estimates for next year for such buildings. The bill will be brought in, as it is proposed to move a select committee through the Demands, extending King-street through the QUARTER SESSIONS.

Mr. HART moved, "That an address be presented to the Governor, requesting the Excellency, who cause be laid in the table of this House, to issue a commission issued to the several gentlemen who were gazetted on the 25th July last, District Judges and Chairmen of Quarter Sessions; also copies of any special commissions which were issued; and that the same be referred to the Executive Council for their consideration." The motion was carried by the District Judges and Chairmen of Quarter Sessions, for Districts in which they were not so apppointed on the 25th July of that year." He said this was a matter of great public importance. Hon. members might remember that the judges had been voted for two additional District Court Judges. One of the judgeship was given to Mr. Francis, and another to Mr. Blaikie. The remodeling of the former districts became necessary, and some changes were at the time made. After the general commissioners were appointed, the several judges of these commissions to exercise jurisdiction over the districts for which they had been formerly appointed, and some prisoners were tried by them during this period. Now, referring to the 25th section of the District Courts Act, it would be seen that the judge had power to exercise their duty solely within the districts for which they were appointed. Originally the Chairman of Quarter Sessions had jurisdiction throughout the whole colony, but this had been restricted by the District Court Act to the particular district in which he was appointed. Under these circumstances it was the intention of some of the commissioners to be strengthened in the Legislature, that was quite another question. He was of opinion that they ought, but there were several other offices which it might be well that they should be made political. He would, however, as he had thought, suggest an appointment could be made on more reasonable grounds. Taking the estimates from beginning to end, not a single office could be found which it would be more objectionable to make a political appointment. He did not think that the House, determined to make the change, would be likely to be productive of anything but beneficial results. He believed the House would deal with it as they would deal with all grave matters of a similar character. If the suggestion was put to them they would pass it with a clear determination that it was proper to do. It should be left to their charge. It was quite true this was about the only Legislature in the world (there might be another, but he did not think there was more than one) that did not consider its proceedings with prayer. That was a point of propriety, and the adoption of a different course. In New Zealand, in Queensland, in America, and in the mother country, a church had the form adopted; he did not think with the house that it might be necessary to have a non-sectarian influence. And, as he observed, given the power to do so, he had the hon. member never had revived the question, and he should feel it his duty to support the motion. It was certainly a return to them that they were almost the only legislature in the world which did not adopt the course which he had suggested.

Mr. HAY regretted that he could not induce himself to be in the good of commencing the proceedings of the House with prayer; at the same time he would give those who desired it the opportunity of offering a prayer.

Mr. COWPER would make no objection to the production of the address. With the words on the table the hon. member would find that the difficulties were few, and that the particular points he alluded to had been fully provided for.

GOVERNOR'S SALARY.

Mr. HOSKINS moved, "That a bill be introduced to reduce the salaries of every future Governor, and that this motion solely for the purpose of giving effect to a resolution passed by the Assembly during last session."

Mr. COWPER would not oppose the bill in its present stage, but would reserve to himself the right of doing so at a future period.

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POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. FORSTER moved, "That an address be presented to the Governor, requesting him to appoint to a bill to reduce the salaries of every future Governor, and that this motion solely for the purpose of giving effect to a resolution passed by the Assembly during last session."

Mr. COWPER would not oppose the bill in its present stage, but would reserve to himself the right of doing so at a future period.

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RAILWAY PLANT, &c.

Mr. LUCAIS moved, "That an address be presented to the Governor, requesting him to take into consideration the bill to reduce the salaries of every future Governor, and that this motion solely for the purpose of giving effect to a resolution passed by the Assembly during last session."

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Persons intending to forward for exhibition, are requested to do so at once.

By order. SEDGWICK & CONFER, secretary.

NOTICE is hereby given that, by a certain Indenture of Assignment, bearing date the thirteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, the undersigned, JOHN M'LENNAN, of Bowesfield, in the colony of New South Wales, did, for the considerations therein mentioned, convey to the undersigned, JOHN DONALD MCLEAN, of Sydney, in the said colony, require; HENRY PRINCE, of Sydney aforesaid, merchant; and JAMES GILCHRIST, also of Sydney aforesaid, all the personal estate, and effects which he severer of his creditors; and further, that the said indenture was duly executed by the said John M'Leenan and the said trustees and attested according to the Acts of the Legislature of New South Wales, and provided; and further, that the said indenture is now held by the office of Messrs DUNSMURE and STAFFORD, solicitors, number 150, Castlereagh-street, Sydney, for inspection and execution by the creditors of the said John M'Leenan.

Dated at Sydney, this thirteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one.

Witness to the signature of the said John M'Leenan.

THOMAS BROWN, J.P.

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J. D. MCLEAN.

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S. M'GREGOR.

WITNESS TO THE SIGNATURE OF THE SAID JOHN M'LENNAN.

R. PEELE RAYMOND, J.P.

In THE INSOLVENT ESTATE OF MITCHELL AND CO.—Notice—All persons still indebted to this estate, or who have any claim against their respective ACCOUNTS are forthwith paid, either to Mr. L. C. MITCHELL, No. 7, Circular Quay, or to the single Assignee, 125, Elizabeth street, proceedings will immediately be taken for their recovery.

F. W. PERRY, Official Assignee.

BY T. STEPHEN, Trade Assignee.

Sydney, September 16.

MESSRS. FARMER and PAINTER beg to announce that their very large shipment, per Wave of China, is now ready for inspection, and comprises a most assortment of New Goods, the whole of which have been purchased with under their regular value, and will be sold at proper prices.

In fancy dresses some really choice things, by the yard, and in robes; also in made trimmings skirts.

A beautiful assortment of children's mobairs, French delaines, chaff barques, and grenadines.

Fancy assortments of lace, muslin, a large lot of this season's prints and printed cambrics, the largest stock in the colony; also;

MUSLIN DEPARTMENT.—A large assortment of new furnishing muslins, harness, blue, swiss, and tamboored curtains, white and coloured tartanias, tamboured curtains, white and coloured tartanias, tamboured curtains, white and coloured tartanias, tamboured curtains, white and coloured tartanias, swiss, books, and cambrics, &c., &c.; white and coloured tartanias, &c.

Parachutes in immense variety.

Prints and printed cambrics, of every make.

Prints and printed cambrics, the largest stock in the colony; also;

Linen, venetians, and general furnishing goods.

Ladies' gentlemens', and children's hose and underclothing.

Bibbons, ribbons, and lace goods, in endless variety.

Messrs. FARMER and PAINTER specially invite special attention to their present magnificent stock of Mantles, Millinery, and Straw Goods, which for extent and variety has never been surpassed.

FARMER and PAINTER,

Importers and family drapers, Victoria House, 209, and Pitt-street.

GEORGE CHISHOLM and CO. have received, via Neville, a large assortment of Brussels, Tapistry, and other CARPETS, in new and elegant designs, with Axminster and Tapestry RUGS to match.

Also, MUSLIN and Screens, and Velvet TABLE COVERS, in various new patterns, from the celebrated firm of Crowley and Sons.

GEORGE CHISHOLM and CO. have also lately received 3 cases of Lace and Swiss MUSLIN CURTAINS, in various new patterns, from the same.

CORNICE FRINGE, CURTAIN BANDS, and every description of Upholsterer Trimmings.

Carpets made, and laid by first-class workmen.

GEORGE CHISHOLM and CO., 300, George-street, next Post Office.

GEORGE CHISHOLM and CO.—First arrival of

GEORGE CHISHOLM and CO. have much pleasure in announcing to their numerous and influential customers the arrival and exposition of choice and seasonable goods, carefully selected from the London and Paris markets.

The following are a few of the many articles now on view:

100 pieces black French plates, from 25d to 6s

200 ditto black duapes, from 2s 6d to 5s

Striped silk, extra rich, 2s 6d per yard

Checked washing silk, from 3s 6d

Also a fine range of the fashionable figured silks, for dressing, bed, &c.

Parasols and parasols of every variety

Gloves, mitts, &c., of every make

Prints and printed cambrics, the largest stock in the colony; also;

Linen, venetians, and general furnishing goods.

Ladies' gentlemens', and children's hose and underclothing.

Bibbons, ribbons, and lace goods, in endless variety.

These crapes have gained medals in English and continental exhibitions.

Ball dresses, embroidered muslin robes

Muslin and lace collars, chemises, in sets, of the newest styles and shapes

50 boxes of chenille, braid, gold-headed, and invisible hair nets

Novelties in ribbons in all the new colours, azurine, mauve, magenta.

Buttons, trimming, braid, &c.

The mantle and millinery departments have also had George Chisholm and Co.'s best attention; amongst the fifty items the following are the most admired—

—C. W. Emmanuel

Holclos Amisie

Corse Cavour

Eugenio Piccolomini

Gladagh Sortie du bal

Ladies' and children's straw and crinoline hats

Broc, chip, horsehair, and straw bonnets

White crimp bonnets, with flowers, 2s 6d, a choice novelty.

The store of holly linen and underclothing is of a magnificence unsurpassed in Sydney.

Train skirts, with 50 rows of steel, made to expand Ladies' underclothing, in double-folded papers at the wholesale price

Infants' bodys, frocks, and cloaks, &c., with the greatly admired patterns for girls for young gentlemen.

M'KINLIE, G. CHISHOLM and CO. have invited the ladies of Sydney to inspect their choice assortment of summer mantles, comprising their long cassocks of black glass.

Ditto sleeveless mantles

Ditto petticoats, with cuff a la monogramme

100 pieces black glass, fitting tight

Ditto linings, with matching of coloured silk, in large arabesques

Ditto cloak tomahawk, with juive sleeves

Ditto buckskin karoli

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ON MONDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER.

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BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE,
At the Auction Rooms, Pitt-street,
WILLIAM REAL
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GRAFTON, CLARENCE RIVER.

Sabour Farm, about half a mile from North Grafton, containing an

area of 10 acres, by Mr. G. R. Gale.

A Vastly Large Area, about 10 acres, at Ullura, about 9 miles below the town of Grafton, and about 1

mile from the Wharf on the Clarence River, with com-
fortable Residence, 30 acres under cultivation, a well-
stocked orchard, &c.

The premises are at present let to Mr. William Lucas, at
a rental of £100 per annum.

LOT 2.—Two capital villa sites, containing each about

an acre and a half, having extensive frontage to the

Cheltenham Road. They are both very fine

pieces of land, commanding a fine view, and within

a few minutes' walk from the railway station.

LOT 3.—A BRICK-BUILT COTTAGE, containing

1 room, together with a quantity of an acre of land,

located about 55 feet frontage to the Par-
matta Road, near the Burwood Inn.

The above lots will be positively sold on the above

date, and will be found worthy the attention of those

seeking really good suburban investments, in a favourable

position, in the immediate proximity of a rail-
way station.

Plan may be inspected at the Rooms, where also further

particulars may be obtained; or apply to Mr. C. W.

HATTON, Burwood, or to Mr. Lucas on the premises.

Terms at sale.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH have re-
ceived instructions to sell by public auction,

at their Rooms, Pitt-street, on MONDAY, 30th September,

at 11 o'clock.

The following valuable properties, situate near the

TOWN OF GRAFTON, CLARENCE RIVER.

LOT 1.—A Farm of 30 acres of fine alluvial land, which has been in cultivation and yielded immense

crop of maize. The land is bounded on the three sides

by a well-known selection of Mr. Gale,

about 10 miles from Grafton, and the

farm is known as formerly belonging to Mr. Gale, and one of the best in

this district. Various improvements in the

fencing and orchard are now in course of comple-
tion.

Plan on view at the Rooms.

Terms at sale.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

That first-class Agricultural Property,

MOUNT GILREAD ESTATE,

Comprising about 2000 ACRES, with extensive Improve-
ments, situate on the NEARBY RIVER,

(which divides it from the celebrated Camden Park Estate),

and extending to the Appin Road, about six miles from

Campbelltown.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH have re-
ceived instructions from HENRY ROSE,

Esq., to sell by auction, at their Rooms, Pitt-street,

an early date, notice of which will be given.

The whole of that valuable and beautifully situated agri-
cultural estate.

MOUNT GILREAD, the property of the last

land in the district on the Neary River, extending to the Appin Road, about six miles from Campbelltown.

Plans of subdivision are in course of preparation, and the

whole is as much as possible in lots, according to

the original plan.

Full particulars in a future advertisement.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE—QUEENS-
LAND STATION.—The Station of SYD-
DIGH, by order of the Executor of the late R. H.
Bridges, Esq., will be sold by auction, in Sydney, in Octo-
ber next, together with about 1000 head of young first-
class cattle. Full particulars in a future advertisement.

No. 12, containing or less, frontage to

TRAMWAY TO BOTANY.
A MEETING of proprietors and others interested in property at Botany had been yesterday afternoon, at Messrs. Richardson and Wrench's Auction Rooms, for the purpose of taking into consideration the advisability of forming a company to construct a horse tram or railway from Sydeney to Botany Bay. About thirty gentlemen were present.

On the motion of Mr. Holt, Mr. H. C. Burnell took the chair, and opened the meeting by stating that he had long been of opinion that railroads and tramroads were more wanted in New South Wales than in any part of the world. There could be no doubt that the construction of a line from Sydney to Botany Bay would cause the land at Botany to increase immensely in value, and be also beneficial in other respects. Every one was crying out about the macadamised roads; and by the proposed scheme, we should not only economise expense in travelling, but we should enjoy the luxury of railroad carriages, besides other advantages. He thought it would cause the land to be increased in value a hundred per cent. One of the many advantages which these small lines would afford would be that they would increase the value of the trunk lines. No trunk lines could go well without branch lines. When once the advantages of such a line were realised, the plan would be followed up in other parts of the colony.

Mr. T. HOLY being called upon by the chairman, then addressed the meeting. He had always taken a warm interest in the construction of railways, whether in the shape of a tramway or a road. He had seen the great success of

OPENING OF THE ARNOLD BRIDGE, OVER THE RIVER PAGE, AT MURRURUNDI.

[From a Correspondent.]
This bridge, which connects the townships of Murrurundi and Haydnton, on the Great Northern Road, was formally opened for public traffic on Wednesday, the 11th instant, by the Commissioner for Roads, Mr. W. R. Collett, at 5 p.m., in the presence of a goodly number of the inhabitants of the district.

The bridge, which is 162 feet span, consists of three arches, supported by piles driven in by diagonal braces, and is built upon the Queen's truss principle, was gaily decorated with evergreens for the occasion. It was the intention of the Commissioner to have performed the interesting ceremony at 11 a.m., but in the fore part of the day the rain came down in torrents, and Father Page (either exasperated at the success of his attempt made for uniting those whom all his life-time he had separated, or for the purpose of exhibiting to the public the enormous utility of the vast utility in time of floods, of the substantial character of the noble structure that spanned his stream), became conspicuous to the spectators in the shape of a huge volume of foaming torrent, rushing furiously past at the rate of six or seven miles an hour, hurling immense trees, apparently in savage fury against the piles, which would have soon cut an unbroken chasm had the substructure been composed of more perishable materials than it really possessed.

The ceremony of christening was performed by Mrs. Wightman, senior, who is, I believe, one of the oldest residents in this district, and a lady who is universally and deservedly esteemed, for her numerous services in a pastoral field to our country. Such a christening is a rare and happy occurrence. Such a tramroad could be constructed at a very trifling expense.

Those who had once been the most bitter opponents of Train's tramroads were now their warmest supporters; they had been laid down in the narrowest and most crowded streets in London, and not only were they made use of by numerous persons, but even the carriage drivers used them and they were so made that a fast vehicle could pass them slow one, it could get off the rails, overturn it, and get on again with very little trouble.

The construction of a tram-road to Botany would enhance the value of property fivefold, and what was now worth £50,000, would, when the line was completed, be worth £250,000.

It was desirable that a committee should be appointed to go over the ground and report as to the best line to be taken, whether it should be the old or the new road. If the new road were taken the expense would be considerably less, but if the old road could be made use of, the expense would be a mere trifle.

He thought that in making arrangements between the Government and a private way company some such terms as those might be agreed upon as to compensation for the way, on account of the Government, and agree to the same at the same rate of interest that the Government would have to pay on debentures—that was five per cent.

On such terms he would propose that the company should take a long lease of the road, for ten, or twenty or thirty, or even 999 years.

It appeared to him that the line he had selected could be carried out as a private line, and he had no doubt but that it would be able to realise an enormous income. He would not be afraid to leave in the hands of the Government debentures to the amount of twenty-five per cent. of the value of the road, for ten, or twenty or thirty, or even 999 years.

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After the cloth was removed, and the usual loyal toasts having been drunk, the chairman (Mr. Martin-dale), proposed His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief, who was received with普遍 applause.

Mr. Collett eloquently returned thanks, and the course of his speech intimated that, owing to the recent arrival of his Excellency, we have not had an opportunity of appreciating his sterling worth, that he was perfectly unshackled by either red tape or the routine of the circumlocution office, and he (Mr. Collett) had every reason to believe that the division of his time to the best advantage for wheels to run faster than iron? This useful metal had been neglected in the formation of roads far too long, indeed, scientific observant men, who had fifty, or more, years seen railroads merely in their infancy, in the colliery districts, expressed their surprise that they were not carried further, and had not been utilised to the best advantage.

After some other toasts of a general nature were disposed of, the company dispersed, all highly pleased with the result of the meeting, and themselves, and thus ended the ceremonies in connection with the opening of the "Arnold Bridge"—an epoch of no small importance in the annals of Murrurundi.

DISTRICT COURT OF EAST AND WEST MAITLAND.—The PROVISIONS OF ACTS—East and West Maitland, No. 23, have been passed by the Legislative Assembly of the Government, to the districts of East and West Maitland.

NEWTON VOLUNTEER RIFLES.—The following members of the corps have been chosen to represent the New town company of Volunteer Rifles in the forthcoming meeting of the Association: Mr. Thomas Nibbs, Mr. L. H. Moore, Mr. T. McCall, Mr. Thomas Stiles, Mr. George Thrush, "Emergency men" Mr. F. Norton, Mr. G. Parkin, and F. E. Salisbury.

COAL.—Our Newcastle correspondent forwarded us yesterday a sample of coal procured by the Coal Miners' Association of the port of Newcastle, a portion of their coal.

The steamer *Cortes*, from Oregon, brings down 1250 quarters steer, 27 sacks hams, 70 packages butter, 23 ditto lard, 26 sacks flour and 2000 lbs. of bacon.

By way of California we have news from New York to the 13th July. The *Daily Alta California* gives the subjoined report of the New

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HIDE.—The demand continues very limited, and prices are still high, though the market is very quiet.

SKIN.—The market is dull and declining; furs ready for immediate delivery still command 50 cents, but for next month 40 cents, and for June 30 only 20 cents.

FLAX.—The market is dull and declining; flax ready for sale at 5 dollars 10 cents; also 1500 bushels domestic in 5 dollars 10 cents.

WHEAT.—The market is dull and declining; wheat ready for sale at 10 dollars 50 cents; also 6500 bushels, 10 dollars 50 cents.

COAL.—The market is dull and declining; coal ready for sale at 10 dollars 50 cents; also 1500 tons Sydney Coal at 11 dollars 50 cents; also 270 tons Coose Bay, 10 dollars 50 cents per ton.

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